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Appln. No. : 10/050,167

Examiner: Unknown

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For : PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING
DEWATERING IN A WET SECTION OF A PAPER MACHINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

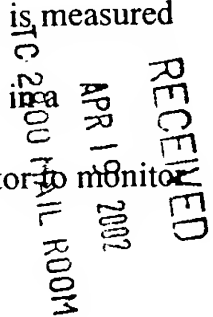
Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended paragraphs are attached as an Appendix):

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] U.S. Patent No. 3,655,980 proposes measuring the drainage rate from slurry along the length of a forming wire, using a radiation source and radiation detectors. In U.S. Patent No. 3,724,957, the concentration of an optically active substance is measured using photoelectric detectors to determine the concentration of pulp and clay in papermaking slurry, while U.S. Patent No. 3,860,168 uses a nucleonic detector to monitor



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